



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

July 28, 2019 • 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

We live in a world that often convinces us we don't have enough. When we look around it can be tempting to feel we don't have as much as we need in order to live well, or to make a difference, or even to sense God's presence. When we wonder where God is or if we ourselves are enough, Gideon offers wisdom on what we might be missing.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Obangiji
by Fela Sowande

Words of Welcome

Rev. Zach Walker

Call to Worship

Rev. Sally Wright

God's steadfast love is faithful to us.

We desire to embrace God's love and let praise dwell in our hearts.

Jesus said, "Search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you."

The Spirit of God is among us, calling us, moving us, inspiring us.

It is God who gives all that is good.

And so we give our whole selves to the God who revives and restores.

*Hymn, No. 688

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart
MORECAMBE

*Prayer of Confession

God of signs and wonders,

**We often complain that You are not here,
when in reality we are not looking for You.**

**We spend our time striving to gain more for ourselves,
and we fail to ask what You would have us seek.**

Forgive us.

Help us to feel Your presence.

Focus our eyes on what You put before us.

Tune our ears to hear and respond to Your voice.

May our faith be more than feeling,

and our actions be ever inspired by Your Spirit. (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response

Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah!
Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah!
Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah! Hallelujah! Hal-le-lu-jah!

*Passing of the Peace

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Call to Prayer

Prayer
by David W. Guion; Dr. Patricia Schultz, soprano

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Anthem (9:30 a.m.)

The Voice in the Wilderness
by John Prindle Scott; Dr. Patricia Schultz, soprano

Prayer for Illumination

Kevin Hennessy (9:30 a.m.)
Janice Gill (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Judges 6:36-40; 7:2-7 (pg. 221)

Sermon

Signs and Numbers

Rev. Zach Walker

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 451

Open My Eyes, That I May See
OPEN MY EYES

Offertory

The Lord is My Shepherd (9:30 a.m.)
by Howard Goodall; Dr. Patricia Schultz, soprano and Summer Choir

The Voice in the Wilderness (11 a.m.)
by John Prindle Scott; Dr. Patricia Schultz, soprano

*Response (from Hymn, No. 692)

**Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.**

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn, No. 687 (v. 1-5)

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past
ST. ANNE

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall last,
and our eternal home.**

*Postlude

Fanfare on ST. ANNE
arr. Benjamin M. Culli

**All who are able may stand*

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ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

Today we welcome Dr. Patricia Bowers Schultz, coloratura soprano, as our featured soloist in worship. Patricia holds a doctorate in Vocal Performance from the UMKC Conservatory of Music and Dance. Formerly on the faculty of Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, she also taught French and music at universities in Ohio and North Dakota. Patricia's career performance highlights include touring Europe with Dave Brubeck and the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, and touring the Midwest for ten years with the music-drama she wrote about the famous coloratura soprano, Jenny Lind.

Fela Sowande, the composer of this morning's prelude, wrote organ, piano and choral pieces that wedded his Nigerian heritage with Western influences, creating a very unique musical result. "Obangiji" is based on the Nigerian Yoruba national anthem, which is a song in praise of God:

"Almighty God, You are worthy of our worship. You are a dependable God.

May we find favor with You; please make us your beloved, that we may worship you till the end.

We wholly depend on you."

The melody of this anthem is presented simply in the middle section, punctuated by a repeated drumming pattern in the left hand and pedal. The opening and closing fanfares reflect the idea of dramatic and energetic praise, making this piece a celebratory way to begin our worship.

THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of July 29, 2019)

The following daily Bible readings were written by Rev. Becky Chamberlain and are offered for your own personal devotion. You are invited to read the text, think about the reflection and questions and allow these to lead you in a time of prayer. Pray for your own journey of faith, pray for Village Church, pray for the community around you, and pray for all of creation.

Monday, July 29

Mark 2:23-3:6

In what way have laws, in society or in church, gotten in the way of community? What did Jesus say to challenge the Pharisees' understanding of the commandment to keep the Sabbath day holy? How do you honor the Sabbath?

Tuesday, July 30

Mark 6:1-13

What people or places have you had to let go of because they held you back from becoming your best, most godly self? Do you still grieve those losses? Who or what has filled the voids in healthier ways?

Wednesday, July 31

James 3:1-12

Is honesty more important than anything else when you communicate? Perhaps more important than honesty (as in little white lies to keep the peace or fake a compliment) is integrity. What does James say here about hypocrisy and being two-faced? Are you a person of integrity? If not, why not?

Thursday, Aug. 1

Proverbs 31:10-31

Do you feel this passage uplifts women or "puts them in their place?" What do you like about it? What makes you uncomfortable about it? How would you rewrite this for modern gender roles and relationships?

Friday, Aug. 2

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9: 20-22

Have you ever been in a situation where you thought you had no power, only to realize you were the perfect person for the responsibility? How does Queen Esther use her position to effect positive change for her people? What does she risk?

Saturday, Aug. 3

Philippians 4:4-7

Have you been able to find peace after feeling especially anxious? Have you experienced calm after turning over your concerns and worries to God? Do you find you are gentler with others when you have a regular devotional practice in your life?

SIGN UP TO RECEIVE DAILY BIBLE READINGS EMAILS

**Subscribe now at www.villagepres.org/subscribe. Emails arrive first thing in the morning
Monday through Saturday.**



The Fall Village U Catalog is Coming Soon!

**Look for the Fall 2019 Village U Catalog online
this Friday, Aug. 1, at
villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes**

A handful of printed copies will also be available throughout Village Church on Mission.

**Registration opens at 9 a.m. Monday, Aug. 19, for church members
and 9 a.m. Monday, Aug. 26, for the community.**

Join Us for the
Single Adult Ministry Summer Speaker Series

**“Understanding More About
Social Media Platforms”
Presented by Dee Couch**

**6-8 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 14
Room 232 at Village on Mission**



TODAY AT VILLAGE

WELCOME TO VILLAGE CHURCH! Please join us every week. Refreshments are available in Friendship Hall following the worship service.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL TODAY are given to the Glory of God in memory of Don Thompson by Miriam Thompson and family.

DISCOVER VILLAGE KIOSKS – Located at the North Welcome Center entrance and in Friendship Hall, Discover Village is a place where people can share conversation, ask questions of our hosts and enjoy a cookie. Whether you are newer to Village or a long-time member and have an interest in serving, connecting, or growing, come to the Discover Village kiosk. I hope to see you soon! (Cindy Wilcox, director of connectional ministries)

NEW TO US? Village Presbyterian Church is a family of faith actively shaped by the life of Christ to love one another, providing leadership for the transformation of our communities and serving the world. We are a Presbyterian (USA) family of faith that is inclusive, generous and welcoming of all people. Village is one church worshipping at two campuses: Village on Mission (6641 Mission Road in Prairie Village) and Village on Antioch (14895 Antioch Road in Overland Park). If you would like a tour of Village on Mission, contact Cindy Wilcox at cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org or 913-671-2331.

JOINING VILLAGE CHURCH – Village welcomes new members every other month at a special Sunday luncheon. Join us Sept. 29 and Dec. 8. Contact cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org for information.

WORSHIP BAGS are available for children to enjoy during worship. Please return the bags to the baskets located in the Narthex at the end of the worship service.

ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

SUMMER ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS – 10:45-11:45 a.m. Sundays, through Aug. 18, Rooms 126 & 127. Join us as we gather to explore and reflect on the Bible passage that is preached each Sunday. We will look at the context for the passage, how our preacher proclaimed the passage and how others have interpreted the passage. Today, our guest speaker is Rev. Ky Weekley. Next Sunday, our guest speaker will be Dr. Darren Kennedy.

TECH TALK WITH TONY – 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 6, in Room 316. Tony Liu will lead a discussion of ways to use your Smart TV “smarter.” Learn how to access “over the air” free TV programs. Explore alternatives moving from cable or satellite TV to Netflix, Amazon Prime, YouTube or other internet streaming services. Discover how streaming players such as Roku can make a “smarter” TV experience.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

NEXT SUNDAY, AUG. 4, WILL BE A FAMILY WORSHIP SUNDAY. (No Sunday Funday for the kids that morning.)

ALL SERVICES–CHILD CARE – Infants to 4-year-olds are welcome in Rooms 114, 111 and/or 107.

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:25-10:30 a.m. – **2 to 4-year-olds/Pre-K**—Preschool Sunday School meets on the first floor. Registration and age specific room assignments are posted outside Room 107.

SUNDAY FUNDAYS – 9:30 a.m. K-6th grade. This month we are partnering with a new local non-profit, the Ronald McDonald House and Foundation.

BAPTISMS and NEW BABIES – The next baptism dates are Sept. 15 and Nov. 17. An education class is offered for members who are new to Village baptism. Share news of your new baby so we can welcome your new arrival with a gift. Call 913-671-2350 or email kate.ruecker@villagepres.org.

MOPS (MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS) registration is now open at bit.ly/vpcmpops. MOPS meet the first and third Tuesday mornings of the month at Village Church on Mission September through May. We gather for breakfast, coffee, and connecting with each other while hearing and discussing topics relevant to our mom life. We host monthly play dates and Mom's Nights Out to connect with each other outside our meetings. Fees for the 2019-20 MOPS year are \$60. The child care fee is \$25 per child per semester (child care spots are limited).

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

CASUAL GOLF OUTING – All are invited to our monthly golf outings that a four-person scramble format. You do not need to be a member of Village Church. The next outing is at Longview/Fred Arbanas on Tuesday, Aug. 13, with 8 a.m. starting tee time. RSVP by this Friday, Aug. 2. Contact Brad Steil at 913-469-5683 or bradsteil@everestkc.net to sign up.

UNDERSTANDING MORE ABOUT SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS – 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 14, in Room 232 at Village on Mission. Join long-time Village Church member and computer ministry volunteer/leader Dee Couch for a general overview of social media. Dee will offer a presentation on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn. There will also be time for questions/answers. RSVP to Cindy Wilcox at 913-671-2331.

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION COMMITTEE

BIPARTISAN CLIMATE SOLUTION IN CONGRESS – 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 5, Room 127 at Village on Mission. Tony Schmidt (Kansas coordinator for the Citizens Climate Lobby) will explain the current bipartisan bill in Congress known as the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act, a plan to reduce carbon emissions 40% while creating two million jobs. Known as Fee & Dividend, it will be revenue neutral.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY – Even though hot temperatures abound, the Food Pantry realizes the value of hearty soup for lunch, and is asking for a variety of canned soup. Please take the time to pick up a few cans for the Pantry's clients and bring them to church. Your donations are so appreciated. The Clothes Closet continues to ask for housewares- kitchen utensils, flatware, dishes, pots and pans. Thank you.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A STEPHEN MINISTER and providing caring support to those in need, training sessions start in September. Sessions are September-January and focus on the art of listening; confidentiality; prayer, substance and practice; feelings; process vs. results; crisis theory and practice; and how to help those who are aging, lonely, experiencing divorce, death of a loved one, or other life challenges. Contact Rev. Becky Chamberlain at 913-671-2367 by Aug. 5 to apply.

CATHY DYKMAN-ACINGER JOINS US AUG. 6 FAITH & GRIEF LUNCH – Speaker Cathy Dykman-Acinger will share her story about going on after her sudden loss at our next Faith and Grief Lunch on Tuesday, Aug. 6. If you are grieving or know of someone who is, join us from noon-1 p.m. in Friendship Hall at Village on Mission. Lunch is provided. While registration is always helpful, come even if it's last minute. To find out more, contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

MISSION SEWING – Mission Sewing needs Christmas fabric. Minimum one-yard pieces, please. Drop-offs at the switchboard, marked Mission Sewing or on Tuesdays in Room 115, the sewing room.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Young Adult Ministry is for all people in their 20's and 30's.

FAMILY DINNER NIGHTS – 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 14, Young Adults with Kids. Every second and fourth Wednesday this summer we're giving you a reason to not cook or clean. Come have dinner with us, then take kids downstairs for child care while parents connect with each other. Sign up required.

VillagePresYA.org/parents

BOULEVARD BREWING CO. TOUR – 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24. Come tour our city's biggest brewery. We'll enjoy the beer hall together after the tour. \$5/each. Child care provided! Sign up required. VillagePresYA.org/saturdays.

YOUTH MINISTRY

WEEKLY SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. – All summer long youth are invited to attend worship with their families (Sanctuary) or assist with children's Sunday Fundays (Room 307).

HS Gathersaurus – 5 p.m. Sundays – Join us Sunday evenings at the Gathering worship service and then walk down to the Village shops with us to talk about what we just heard. Can't make the Gathering? That's okay! Meet us at the Village and we'll catch you up. Dinosaur accessories encouraged.

MS Evenings – 7-9 p.m. Mondays – Middle school adventure night. Sometimes we'll play games at the church, sometimes we'll go places. Always meet in the Youth Loft.

HS Late Nite – 8-10 p.m. Tuesdays – High school fellowship night. Different activities each week, sometimes at Village and sometimes out. Always meet in the Youth Loft.

MS Service Day – 12:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesdays – Come serve our city in a different way each week.

HS Run Club – 8-9 a.m. Thursdays – Come get a morning run in. Any level of experience is welcome with longer and shorter runs (and walks) each week.

Village Cup Summer Break

July 29-Aug. 2 and Aug. 5-9

The Village Cup will be closed for summer break weekdays July 29-Aug. 2 and Aug. 5-9.

The Cup will be open for its regular business hours on Sundays.

We will return to our full schedule on Monday, Aug. 12.



Thank You for a Great VBS at Village Church on Mission!

To our amazing VBS volunteers:

THANK YOU for all your efforts in making VBS a wonderful week. Your energy, grace, enthusiasm, compassion and patience were such a gift to kids. You helped to teach kids that God is amazing and capable of anything in their lives...even more than they can imagine in their wildest dreams. (Kid-oriented Ephesians 3:20) Our hope is that the learnings, conversations and interactions you initiated have deep and lasting impact on the kids of Village. Deep gratitude to all of you!

—Brooke Latas, director of children & family ministry



UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

People Like Us

June 16-Aug. 18

The Bible is filled with stories of people. Some of them are of amazing and inspiring folks. Others' stories tell of folks in desperate need. Many tell of ordinary times. These people we discover in pages of sacred scripture are, however, people like us. They endeavored to live as God's children amidst the realities of their place and time. Some of them provide inspiring examples of faith. Some walk paths we should avoid. Many were mixtures of belief and unbelief. This summer we will meet – or meet again – a collection of people who can serve as examples as we seek to live as God's children amidst the realities of the world in our time and place.

June 16	Joseph: A Man of Righteousness - Rev. Tom Are preaching
June 23	Miriam - Rev. Hallie Hottle preaching
June 30	Hannah - Rev. Sally Wright preaching
July 7	A Woman Known Only By Her Illness – Rev. Tom Are preaching
July 14	Remembering Names – Rev. Becky Chamberlain preaching at VOM; Esau – Rev. Dr. Brandon Frick preaching at VOA
July 21	Cain: More than He Could Handle – Rev. Tom Are preaching
July 28	Gideon: Signs and Numbers – Rev. Zach Walker preaching
Aug. 4	Peter – Rev. Dr. Brandon Frick preaching
Aug. 11	Joseph of Arimathea: A Man of Hope – Rev. Tom Are preaching
Aug. 18	The Stranger – Rev. Hallie Hottle preaching
Aug. 25	Youth Sunday Sunday at VOM; Rev. Dr. Brandon Frick preaching at VOA

MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Tom Are, Jr., senior pastor ❖ Dr. Elisa Bickers, principal organist

Will Breytspraak, director of music ❖ Rev. Becky Chamberlain, interim pastor of pastoral care

Rev. Dr. Brandon Frick, site pastor of Village on Antioch ❖ Rev. Hallie Hottle, pastor of young adult ministry

Brooke Latas, director of children and family ministry ❖ Marjean Lindquist, director of child care

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior associate pastor ❖ Matthew C. Shepard, associate director of music

Molly Sirridge, director of stewardship and endowments ❖ Bob Sperry, interim director of finance

Rev. Zach Walker, pastor of youth ministries ❖ Deborah White, director of mission

Cindy A. Wilcox, director of connectional ministries ❖ Rev. Sally Wright, interim pastor of pastoral care

Rev. Dr. Robert H. Meneilly, pastor emeritus

Large print bulletins are available in the Narthex. Ask an usher to bring you one.

Streaming video of all the Sunday morning Sanctuary services is available at villagepres.org.

Click the home page link "Live Sermon and Sermon Archives."

Today's Sanctuary worship service will be re-broadcast at 8 a.m. next Sunday on 1660 AM KMBZ, The Business Channel.

We kindly request that cell phones be turned off during worship.

Please note that additional parking is available across Mission Road in the Prairie School parking lots.

If you are not taking your bulletin with you, please hand it to an usher so it may be recycled.